Legislation to regulate the conduct and organisation of workmen.

213. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any legislation in Cochin to regulate the conduct and organisation of workmen;

(b) have the Government realised the need for any such legislation in Cochin;

(c) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the need of such legislation; if so, by whom; will a copy of the report on the matter, if any, be placed on the table;

(d) have the Government taken any action on the report?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) Government ordered an enquiry in the matter. As a result the Protector of the Depressed Classes reported that legislation on the lines of the British Indian Trade Union Act is desirable. A copy of his report is appended. (*Appendix IV*).

(d) The question is under consideration.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—By what time they hope to effect this legislation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is being considered. Probably it will be introduced into the next meeting.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is there any harm in introducing this measure under the powers vested in the Government without consulting the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think it will be possible and I do not think there is any necessity.

Half-fee concession to Muslim students.

214. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Would the Government state:—

(a) a copy of their latest order on the production of certificates for half-fee concession of Muslim students;

(b) a copy of their last but one order on the production of certificate for half-fee concession of Muslim students;

(c) the difference between the two orders in (a) and (b) and the reason for the difference;

(d) (i) whether in the reply of the Diwan to the representations of the Muslim Deputation it was not stated that the certificates for half-fee concession of Muslim students could be issued by the representatives of the community and (ii) whether any departure was subsequently made from this stipulation and (iii) if made, the nature of the amendment and the reason for the same;

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(e) whether Revenue authorities in general know intimately the financial condition of particular individuals except the bulk of their assessment and whether assessment is invariably a sure index of an individual's economic prosperity;

(f) whether some Parvathiams do not demand good will presents for the certificates required;

(g) the total number of half-fee concessions that have been subsequently cancelled?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Copy of the Proceedings issued by Director of Public Instruction based on the orders of the Government is appended. (*Appendix V.*)

(b) An extract of the Diwan's Proceedings P. No. 1376/06 dated 24th October 1931 is appended. (*Appendix VI.*)

(c) Muslim pupils should, like the pupils of all the other backward classes, produce poverty certificates from Revenue officers. The reason is that there has been the misuse of the relaxation of the restriction permitted in Diwan's Proceedings P. 1376/05, dated 24th October 1931.

(d) (i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) Please see the answer to sub-division (c).

(e) The village officers are expected to know more intimately than the officers of other departments, the financial conditions of individuals. The assessment paid is generally, though not invariably, an index of the prosperity of an individual.

(f) No such case has as yet come to notice.

(g) 19.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the Appendix, Sir, can I just have the copy of the order D. Dis. 5043/09?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is placed on the table.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I was asking the Government order and not the Hon'ble Member's proceedings.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It was in pursuance of the Government order that this order has been issued. If the Hon'ble Member wants a copy of that order, I have no objection to place it on the table.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can I get a gist of it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes. May I read it, Sir? 'Director's recommendation is sanctioned.'

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What was the recommendation of the Director?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I had recommended that the concession recently given to the Muslim pupils may be withdrawn for the reasons already stated in the answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the grounds on which you recommended that?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Hon'ble Member will find the grounds under reply to (c).

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know where exactly the misuse happened?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Poverty certificates were given by respectable gentlemen to students who were not entitled to such poverty certificates. For example, in a muslim centre like Cranganur.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In what cases, whose children, and by whom?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—May I reveal the names of persons, Sir? I have no objection to give out the names.

President.—I do not think it is proper to reveal the names of persons. I do not think there is any necessity. The people themselves might object to their names being revealed.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was there not an instance having happened in Trichur?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There was in the Trichur Taluk. That did not refer to the Muslims, but it refers to backward communities.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it, Sir, that I cannot have any more information on that point?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have absolutely no objection to give details.

President.—I have already said that it is not a question of your objection, but that the people concerned might object.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Hon'ble Member himself is one who has given a poverty certificate.

President.—I do not think in the light of the ruling of the President, this name should have been given out. I think the matter may be passed on.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On a point of order, Sir. A definite charge has been made against me and hence should I not get the details of it.

President.—The Hon'ble Member was persistent in getting the information. I said at the beginning that it is undesirable to mention names. But still, it was the Hon'ble Member who wanted the information and I do not think he can be prejudiced by getting the information. Having gone so far, the matter should stop. The Hon'ble Member may ask other questions if he has any.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to (c) can they know it more intimately than local respectable persons?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want a definite answer to my question.

President.—That is a question which raises a matter of opinion, whether the revenue authority or a private individual would be a better authority to give a certificate.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Were not the Government pleased to give this concession to the respectable people of the locality.

President.—That is obvious from the reply.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can I get a taluk-war statement of this number nineteen—from which all taluks they come in?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether the relaxation of the rule will be extended to other communities also.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It applied only with regard to Muslims and that itself has been withdrawn.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether any enquiry was made before answering with reference to (f)?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Enquiries have been made by the Headmasters and Inspecting Officers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My question relates to Revenue Officers and Paryathyams.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I restricted the question with regard to my subordinates.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Whether any enquiry was made by the Hon'ble Member for Education or any member of the Government whether any such case has been brought to their notice?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Mr. President, I will supply that information. Yes. That information was supplied from my department.

Rent on elephants brought down to Anandapuram Depressed classes Colony.

215. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—(a) ഫ ഫ ഠ ന്-ൽ ആനന്ദപുരം ഡിപ്രഷ്ക്ലാസ് കോളനിയിൽ ആനയെ കൊണ്ടുവന്നവകയ്ക്ക് പാട്ടം കെട്ടിത്തിട്ടുള്ള സംഖ്യയെത്ര?

(b) ടി കോളനിയിൽ ഫ ഫ ഠന്-ൽ സ്ക്രൂട്ടിനിക്കുവേണ്ടി ചിലവുചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള സംഖ്യയെത്ര?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—(a) ആനകൂം ആന സാമാനങ്ങൾക്കും കൂടി ഫ ഫ ക, ചിലവായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(b) സ്ക്രൂട്ടിനിക്കുവേണ്ടി ഫ ഫ ഠ ന്-ൽ ഒന്നും ചിലവായിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—ആനയ്ക്ക് പാട്ടം കൊടുക്കുമ്പോൾ ആനയുടമസ്ഥന്മാരോട് വെയ്ച്ചൂർ എഴുതി വാങ്ങാറുണ്ടോ?

രാമവർമ്മ തമ്പുരാൻ.—സർക്കാരിൽനിന്ന് അതിലേയ്ക്ക് വെയ്ച്ചൂറെഴുതിവാങ്ങിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടായിരിയ്ക്കണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—ആനയുടമസ്ഥനായ നെല്ലായിമെമ്പർ മിസ്റ്റർ രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യരോട് പണം കൊടുത്തു വെയ്ച്ചൂറെഴുതി വാങ്ങിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

രാമവർമ്മ തമ്പുരാൻ.—വെയ്ച്ചൂറെഴുതി വാങ്ങാതെ സർക്കാർ പണം ചിലവുചെയ്യുകയില്ല.

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APPENDIX V.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Half fee concession—Muslim pupils.

Read Diwan's Proceedings D. Dis. 5043/1109, dated 24th November 1933, Development Department.

Order dated 28th November 1933, P. No. 2442/1108.

The Inspecting Officers are informed that henceforth Muslim pupils will be granted half-fee concession only if they produce certificates of indigence from Revenue officers not below the rank of a village officer. They are requested to circularise this to the heads of schools under them.

(Signed)

Director.

To

The Inspecting Officers.

Copy to the Principals of Maharaja's College and St. Thomas' College.

APPENDIX VI.

Extract from the Diwan's Proceedings, P. 1376/1106, dated 24th October 1933.

"Poverty certificates are required not only from Muslim pupils but also from pupils belonging to other communities, which are classed as 'Backward' for purposes of educational concessions. However the restriction in the case of Muslim pupils has been relaxed to some extent already and it has been ordered that it will be enough if certificates are produced from respectable Muslims of the locality. No further concessions can be made."

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